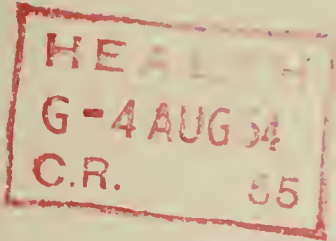


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Gentlemen,



I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year 1953.

The Statistics are based on a population of 2,014 persons. This is a slight increase in last year's figure, but the population has been steadily declining for sixty years.

The area of the district is 74,538 acres or 116 square miles.

The density of the population is 17.36 to each square mile.

The number of inhabited houses on 31st December, 1953, was 999.

The Rateable Value is £8,432 and a penny rate yields £32.9s.11d.

There were 4 transferable deaths during 1953, i.e. deaths in hospital.

<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>
Male	18 hours
Female	88 years
Female	71 years
Female	70 years

VITAL STATISTICS

	M.	F.	Total	Rate per 1,000 Population	Rate per 1,000 Total Births
Live Births	16	12	28	13.9	
Legitimate	16	12	28		
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
Still Births	1	1	2		
Deaths	21	14	35	17.38	
Deaths under one year	1	-	1		35.7
Deaths under four weeks	1	-	1		35.7

There were no deaths from sepsis or other puerperal causes.

Deaths from measles Nil

Deaths from whooping cough Nil

Deaths from Cancer 8

The nursing is done by one nurse at Reeth, but Hurst and Marrick are worked by nurses resident at Richmond.

The greater number of confinements are now sent to Greenbank Hospital or to Northallerton. A few are delivered in their own homes by the local General Practitioners, and the local District Nurse.

Young children are seen monthly at a Clinic at Reeth. The Health Visiting is done by the local nurse. Home nursing is done by the local nurse. Vaccinations are performed by the local Medical Practitioners who also immunise the children, except those done at the Clinic.

The ambulance service during 1953 was efficiently carried out by the St. John's Ambulance at Richmond. Domestic Help is arranged at Northallerton.

SUMMARY OF DEATHS DURING 1953

	M.	F.	Total
Malignant Disease	6	2	8
Vascular Disease	2	3	5
Coronary Disease	1	2	3
Hyper Tension with Heart Disease	1	-	1
Other Heart Disease	6	3	9
Influenza	-	1	1
Bronchitis	-	1	1
Ulcer of Stomach	-	1	1
Nephritis	1	-	1
Other defined disease	4	1	5
	21	14	35

Epileptics and Spastics

There are three cases of Epilepsy in your area, all females, and two of them are mild cases. They are nursed at home under the care of the medical attendant of the family.

Blind Persons

There was no case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum in the district in 1953.

There are three old persons in the district very blind, and one senile case of Cataract. One middle aged man is partially-sighted.

Water Supplies

The question of water supply still causes much concern in your district. The Regional Scheme for a supply of good water does not materialize as the expense would be formidable and in the opinion of most ratepayers prohibitive. The lesser scheme is held up for the same reason.


The water in the taps in the schools is examined frequently and varies very much, at times leaving much to be desired. Only one school gives no cause for dissatisfaction.

TABLE OF ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM SCHOOL TAPS

School	Date	Bacilli		Remarks
		Faecal	Non Faecal	
Keld	4.3.53		35	
"	22.9.53	180	-	Bad
"	7.12.53	11	24	
Muker	4.3.53	-	25	
"	22.9.53	180	-	Bad
"	7.12.53	2	4	
Gunnerside	4.3.53	-	25	Unsatisfactory
"	22.9.53	5	3	Suspicious
"	7.12.53	3	22	
Low Row	4.3.53	-	8	
"	22.9.53	-	180	Bad
"	7.12.53	1	-	Improved
Reeth	22.9.53	130	-	Bad
"	18.12.53	1	2	Much improved
Fremington	7.9.53	8	3	

Tuberculosis

There was one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year, who was sent to Hospital, and one case of Tubercular Adenitis of the neck.



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NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	M.	F.	Total
Small Pox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Enteric	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-
Pneumonia	3	4	7
Erysipelas	1	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-
Measles	8	10	18
Whooping Cough	8	4	12

TUBERCULOSIS

Age	New Cases		Deaths	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
0-1	-	-	-	-
1-5	-	-	-	-
5-15	-	1	-	-
15-25	-	-	-	-
25 +	1	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	-

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) WM. C. SPEIRS.

REETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1953

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supplies

For the year 1953 it is disquieting to have to report once again that the general position regarding water supplies has shown no improvement, very little having been done towards that end. This cannot be blamed upon the Council, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government having suggested, that in view of the high cost of the proposed Regional Scheme, together with the necessity for keeping down capital expenditure, that the scheme be not proceeded with for the time being. As the cost of improving existing supplies would run into thousands of pounds, and which schemes may not come up to Ministry requirements, certainly not for grant, the Council have been unable to make any headway.

In the meantime, water of doubtful quality and, during dry periods, insufficient in quantity continues to be supplied.

Even during winter months the township of Reeth and Keld village are at times without water, owing to the nature of the temporary supplies being subject to freezing, and also to the inadequacy of the mains.

Routine bacteriological analysis during the year continues to confirm faecal pollution in varying degrees.

No extension of supplies has taken place during the year under review.

Sewerage

No new schemes of sewerage or extensions have been embarked upon, these being held up awaiting the provision of adequate water supplies.

Closest Accommodation

Conversions to W.C.'s	3
Additional W.C.'s to old property	7
Closets to new houses	7
Private sewage disposal	6
Branch drains tested	370 yards

Housing

It is noted that in every house inspected during the year, dampness was evident in varying degrees owing to the lack of damp proof courses, and also by penetration through the walls. There is no easy solution to this problem, and the proportion of such houses being high, to have even the worst demolished would place a very heavy financial burden

upon the ratepayers for re-housing. It, therefore, appears that such houses will have to be made habitable in all other respects, and such alleviation of dampness carried out as is compatible with a reasonable expense.

Improvements to houses carried out during the year:-

New bathrooms	6
New W.C.'s	10
New sculleries	3
Hot water installations	9
Improved kitchens	4
Additional bedrooms	6
New houses	5

Inspections of dwelling houses:-

Houses inspected under the Public Health and Housing Acts.	84
Visits necessary to above houses.	121
Number of houses found not in all respects fit	84
Number of houses made reasonably fit as a result of informal action.	29
Statutory action.	Nil
Overcrowding	Nil

Refuse Collection

The service has been maintained throughout the year. Owing to the large proportion of paper having to be dealt with at the tips, handbills were delivered to each householder requesting that no paper be deposited in the bins. This resulted in a marked improvement, making it much easier to keep the tips tidy. Rodent control measures were regularly carried out so as to keep the tips free from rats.

Food Inspection and Food Hygiene

It has only been necessary to condemn very small quantities of meat and other foods at retail shops.

The two butchers shops, both situate in Reeth have maintained a high standard of cleanliness.

Retailing of meat, and also fish, by vans from house to house is also carried out. Inspections of the vans showed that it is carried out in a suitable manner.

Other retail food shops in the area maintain a good standard in the handling and storage of foodstuffs. Hotels and cafes in the district have shown an awareness for the hygienic preparation and serving of food, although at peak periods some of the kitchens are pinched for room, and have only a single sink for the cleansing of vegetables and washing up.

Licensed premises are run in a cleanly manner, with adequate cleansing of beer pipe lines and glasses, but some premises have not yet running hot and cold water available at the bars for washing glasses.

Ice Cream Manufacture and Sale

There are two premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream, both now use the cold mix process. In one instance it was found that the storing and mixing was not being carried out in the separate room provided for this purpose, but at a sink in the adjoining bakery. After a verbal warning, the practice was stopped.

Retailers of ice cream from without the district, using motor vans, have conducted the business in a proper manner, with one exception. In this latter case, the necessary equipment for washing hands was provided but the owner had not bothered to obtain any water so that it could be used. Return visits by the same dealer found no cause for complaints.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938

<u>Registered Premises</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Inspections</u>
Manufacture of cooked meats	2	16
Manufacture of ice cream	2	28
Sale of pre-packed ice cream	10	20
Bakehouses	5	42

Schools

Water supplies to schools all of which, other than at Reeth and Arkengarthdale, are supplied from Council mains, are shown to be by bacteriological examinations, subject to surface pollution. The supply to Reeth school shows frequent high pollution, and boiling notices have had to be posted, as was also the case at Fremington.

Inspections of the kitchens for the preparation of school meals has shown that these are carried out in a proper manner.

Toilet accommodation at the schools has been maintained in a clean and orderly manner.

Rodent Control

An increasing amount of time has had to be devoted to this work, not I think, due to any increase in the number of infestations, but to the greater number of notifications following successful treatments or advice given by the department.

Refuse tips and sewage disposal works have been regularly inspected and treatments carried out from time to time, and in no instance has a 'Major' infestation been allowed to develop.

Notifications at other premises, houses, hotels, piggeries and farms have been followed by successful treatments.

In all, 70 properties have been treated by the department.

Public Conveniences

It is regretting to report that the conveniences at Reeth and Low Row continue to suffer damage through vandalism. At Low Row the three W.C. basins were maliciously broken. Coin boxes also suffered damage from time to time. At Reeth, pilfer-proof toilet roll holders were installed, being securely fixed by concealed screws. All three holders were broken beyond repair.

Factories

Routine inspections of the seven premises on the factory register were carried out for the purposes of Part 1 of the Factories Act. Premises were found satisfactory in all cases.

Shops Act

Inspections of retail shops in the area found them to conform with the provisions of the Act, except in one instance, where, owing to a change in ownership, it was found necessary to require a lock up shop to be provided with W.C. and washing facilities. Informal action secured compliance with the Act.

Tents, Vans and Sheds

There has been no increase in the number of these structures during the year. Such existing ones in the district have been conducted in a proper manner.

Nuisances

Inspections for nuisances only	74
Nuisances found	16
Number in hand from previous year	4
Number needing abating	20
Number abated during the year	19
Informal notices served	5
Statutory notices served	Nil

Sanitary Inspections

Complaints investigated	35
Drainage work in progress	164
Drains tested	32
Bakeries	42
Food preparation (Hotels and Cafes)	72
Licensed premises	30
Ice cream manufacture	28
Rodent control	185
Insect Pest extermination	32
Private water supplies	54
Council water supplies	84
Private sewerage disposal	26
Council sewerage	33
Refuse tips	44
Piggeries	27
Dairies	14
Miscellaneous	92
Housing Improvements works in progress	176

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

J. V. METCALFE,

Sanitary Inspector.

